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1. AS FOLLOWUP TO AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON MINISTER
BAHR (REF C), ECON/COM MINISTER CONTACTED MFA
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERMES ON MAY 5 TO APPRISE HIM
OF OUR UNCHANGED POSITION ON CERDS AND RELATED ISSUES,
AS CONVEYED IN DEPARTMENT'S TIMELY MESSAGE (REF A).
HERMES SAID OUR APPROACH TO BAHR HAD BEEN MOST TIMELY
SINCE BAHR HAD BEEN TELLING ONE AND ALL THAT US WAS
ABANDONING ITS EARLIER POSITION. NOW BAHR WOULD BE
UNABLE TO PURSUE THIS TACTIC. HERMES SAID THAT
BAHR WAS ISOLATED WITHIN THE FRG WITH HIS VIEWS ON
WHAT THE GERMAN POSTURE TOWARD THE THIRD WORLD SHOULD
BE. FURTHER, HERMES SAID, BAHR'S PRESS STATEMENT OF
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LAST WEEK CALLING FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE

PREPCON WAS NOT REPEAT NOT FRG POLICY. BAHR NOW,
HOWEVER, HAS A HARD TIME BACKING AWAY FROM HIS
EXPOSED POSITION.

2. ECON/COM MINISTER ALSO REITERATED US POSITION TO
FRAU STEEG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN ECONOMICS MINISTRY.
FRAU STEEG ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR RE-
AFFIRMATION OF US POLICY. SHE WENT TO
SOME LENGTHS TO POINT OUT THAT THE STUDY GROUP WHICH
IS TO SUBMIT THE REPORT TO CHANCELLOR NEXT WEEK IS
NOT EXPECTED TO RESULT IN ANY REVOLUTIONARY
CONCLUSIONS. SHE SAID THAT AT LEAST WITHIN
THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THERE
WAS NO ENTHUSIASM FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE PREPCON
UNTIL THE POSITION OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IS
KNOWN. FURTHERMORE, IT WAS THOUGHT ESSENTIAL THAT
WE FIND OUT WHAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WANT BEFORE
WE GO AHEAD WITH ANY FURTHER INITIATIVES.
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